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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, 2003/53 of 24 July 2003, 2004/1 of 3 May 2004 and 2004/59 and 2004/61 of 23 July 2004, and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002,

Welcoming the growing return to stability in Guinea-Bissau after the military uprising on 6 October 2004,

Recognizing the link between political stability and economic and social development in the country as well as the persistent fragility of its democratic institutions,

Acknowledging that Guinea-Bissau continues to make good progress in the management of public administration and the restoration of fiscal control,

Welcoming the positive and constructive role of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in supporting the country in addressing its pressing short and longer-term development objectives,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau and the recommendations contained therein;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the contributions of the Economic Community of West African States and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and other partners to restoring stability in Guinea-Bissau;

* On behalf of the States Members of the Untied Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] E/2005/8.

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3. *Welcomes also* the recommendation of the Secretary-General[2] that a special fund should be set up, to be administered by the United Nations Development Programme, to support efforts related to the reform of the security sector;

4. *Welcomes further* the commitment of the Government of Guinea-Bissau to hold Presidential elections in accordance with the timetable in the Transition Charter, and in this regard calls on the international community to provide financial and technical support to Guinea-Bissau in the holding of these elections;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to those organizations and countries that have provided assistance to Guinea-Bissau in controlling the locust invasion that is undermining its already fragile economy, and appeals to the international community to provide additional assistance;

6. *Urges* the international community to provide budgetary support to meet emergency needs, including the payment of salaries, in particular by providing additional contributions through the Emergency Economic Management Fund;

7. *Emphasizes* the need for Guinea-Bissau to have renewed access to emergency post-conflict assistance, and calls for a concrete demonstration of international support that would make this possible;

8. *Stresses* the importance, in this connection, of strong participation in the meeting of Guinea-Bissau partners to prepare for the round-table conference, scheduled for 11 February 2005 in Lisbon, as well as the donor round-table conference once a date is set;

9. *Reaffirms* the need to address the structural causes of conflict in Guinea-Bissau, and in this regard renews its invitation to the Government of Guinea-Bissau, the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, within their respective mandates, the donor community and the international community as a whole to give full consideration to the recommendations formulated by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group in its first report[3] and to take specific steps to give effect to the partnership approach that it set out, with a view to implementing a long-term programme of support;

10. *Recalls* the important work of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau, and decides to extend its mandate until the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 2005, with the purpose of further monitoring the implementation of its recommendations and reporting to the Council at its substantive session in 2005;

11. *Decides* to hold a special meeting to allow for a substantive debate on the reports of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in 2005.

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[2] See S/2004/969, para. 31.

[3] E/2003/8.